

Philad^a 12m: 8-1837

Anne Warren Weston

Respected Friend

Thy letter of 2^o Inst
to my care for C. C. Burleigh, came to hand
this morning. — As Charles was not in the city,
having sailed two days ago for Hayti, it was
concluded to open the letter. — There will be
that thy request of an essay from him for thy
book, to be ready for the last of this month,
cannot now be complied with, — how he came
to omit it I know not, as he is generally very
careful to comply with all engagements. — I
recollect hearing him speak of the proposed book,
& of thy application to him to write for it —

My wife never having done much with
her pen in the way of essay writing, declines
making any attempt of the kind at present,
particularly as her health for some time past
has been very poor. Her physician urges upon
her the necessity of avoiding much mental
or physical exertion — I do not know of any scribe
in this city who would be likely to render thee
any assistance —

Some in this city, & especially those of us who have not been educated in a feeling of reverence for the clerical order, are watching with much interest the struggle that is now going on in New England, between that order & the friends of freedom from bondage both personal & spiritual, and I believe that in proportion as the latter firmly maintain their ground on the christian principles of meekness & humility, will true liberty spread & prevail. — Some who have been accounted as chief, may turn back & walk no more with us, & we may regret & sincerely deplore this departure from their first love. — Yet we should not be deterred from walking by the same rule & minding the same thing, that first brought us into the glorious liberty of the truth, opening our eyes to see, & enlarging our hearts to feel the oppressions that are in the land —

Thou our good friend Garrison I feel a deep sympathy, Priest & Levite, Scribe & Pharisee seem to have combined against him, but I trust will not overthrow him. — May I trouble thee to revive us in his remembrance, & say to him from us, fear not brother them that kill the body, but go on in the might of the Lord, declaring his whole counsel, and giving him all the glory.

I shall be obliged for a copy of the Annual report of your society, of which Thoreau makes mention. — Perhaps I may denounce it, but I think I shall be safe in promising not to be very severe in my condemnation, if Garrison approves it, for although I do not take any man's opinions as my standard, yet his on many subjects are more in unison with my own, than most others, & I therefore find great reliance can be placed upon them.

I like the communication of W. E. Channing to the public on the refusal of your city government to grant the use of the Hall, it makes the absurd excuses of the authorities appear ridiculous — To make it still more so, would it not be well, if the use of the Hall is still refused, to publish the resolutions that were intended to be offered for the acceptance of the meeting —

It is with regret that we hear of the continued indisposition of A. E. G. — she has worked too hard, I have feared the N. England winter would not suit them, I had hoped they would return to this ^{city} & rest awhile from their labours —

I have run on & nearly filled my paper, as though I were not a stranger, when I only

proposed the way that C. C. W. had sailed for Haiti,
express the freedom I have taken in opening
my letter, I am writing this long one, I believe me

8th Dec 1837

James Mott.

Truly Thy friend

James Mott

A. L. Harris



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My wife desires me to add: that she anticipates
the pleasure of seeing thee & thy sister Chapman in
this city at the time of the convention next spring.
I request the additional pleasure of your abiding
during your stay under our roof - She had in-
tended to make it the special subject of a letter
but says that will never happen - L. M.